

LET'S TAKE NATIONAL INSURANCE AND BE PREPARED FOR DEFENCE

IN all the writer of talk about a league of nations and world peace, let no American lose sight of the fact that world peace is an ideal and not a fact. Wars are not only possible but probable. The best that a league of nations could do would be to exert influence against them, seek to keep countries out of them and, if they came, to localize them so as to prevent a world war such as this recent one. It would be the height of folly to neglect our own preparations for possible wars of the future and the defence of our rights as a vigorous, independent and progressive nation. We can count on no other people to protect us. We must take care of ourselves.

Our best preparation will be through universal military training. It is a national life insurance we cannot afford not to take merely because the premium seems high. With universal military service, we would not need a big standing army of professional soldiers. It is the opinion of representative Kahn, of California, ranking minority member of the house military affairs committee and the man who put the draft bill through, that we could get along with a regular army of about 100,000 men. That was the number of our regular forces about the time we became engaged in war with Germany. That 100,000 would consist mostly of officers and non-commissioned officers whose function would be to train the rich man's son and the poor man's son each year to be a good soldier and a better citizen.

We would have to have troops in the Philippines, in Hawaii, in Alaska, the Canal zone, on the Mexican border and possibly in a number of other places to carry out our international agreements. We would have to maintain small bodies of troops at the various army posts in this country. For the rest, the big camps along the Mexican border and the cantonments in various parts of the country are well constituted for the training of citizen soldiers. There is so much more to universal training than the big first purpose of preparedness for national defence.

It would make our young men sound physically. It would produce a race of more rugged and virile Americans just as it has given Switzerland a hardy and vigorous citizen soldiery.

It would instill in American young men respect for law and order and constituted authority. It would be insurance against Bolshevism. The men in our army and navy now are perhaps more opposed to destructive, radical socialism than any others of our citizens. It would teach our boys initiative, self reliance and team work.

It would tend to a real democratization of the American people. The rich man's son and the poor man's son would become better acquainted with each other under surroundings where money counted for nothing and all real or imaginary class distinctions were leveled. The youth from each section of the country would meet men from other sections and both would get away from home and become better acquainted with their country and its people. It would have a broadening influence, the value of which is beyond estimate.

Boys would go through their training and come out sounder physically and better balanced mentally and morally and they would be soldiers and Americans. They would go through and return to civil life, making way for the next class.

Only a few would remain as professionals. They would be those whose previous education or natural fitness made them unmistakable material for officers or non-commissioned officers. They would stay in the army as instructors of their young fellow citizens coming up out of civil life.

What should apply to the army should apply also to the navy so far as possible. The warship, being a relatively greater number of trained personnel constantly at hand. No doubt, however, some plan for applying universal training to the navy will be worked out in conjunction with that of the army. Certainly it should apply to the marine corps. It could hardly apply to the air services of the army and navy because of the unusual physical, educational and temperamental requirements of these arms. The people must not for a moment forget the urgency

Much Like Roosevelt

A MAN much like Col. Roosevelt has been removed in the death of Lieut. Col. H. H. Donkersley, lately returned to the United States from France, where he was in charge of the wagon transport of the division trained at Camp Kearny, Cal.

He was an Arizona man. His home was at Yuma. He looked little like Col. Roosevelt, but he had the same vigor, same valor and same interest in everything imaginable. He liked the outdoors. It is a little known fact that he saw service with Gen. Miles, in 1886, as a packer in the campaign against Geronimo in southern Mexico, though his place in the expedition was really that of interpreter, owing to his fluent command of the Spanish language.

Col. Donkersley was a Republican and active in politics, both local and state, though he held only local offices. He was a member of the Yuma council for three terms and served another term as chairman of the board of supervisors.

He joined the national guard of Arizona as a private in 1901 and rose through the ranks to lieutenant colonel when the regiment went to France. Later he was transferred to the transport organization.

Like Col. Roosevelt, Col. Donkersley had sons in the fighting. He had three sons, two of them having been in battle in France and one of them wounded.

The best booster for good roads is a hard rain.

We need more paved streets. Also, many already paved need to be repaired.

The Salvation Army was the plus mark connecting the doughboy with the doughnut.

Maybe some of those congressmen who are yelling for an iron fitted policy in Mexico are talking of iron but thinking of oil.

Valley people can raise stuff to can. And it can be canned and is canned. And the rest of us should buy all that canned stuff we can get away with.

An Arizona mechanic, describing himself as energetic, is advertising for some little widow, for "sociability, matrimony and business." He might have called himself ambitious as well as energetic.

Only 50 alien women were interned in the United States during the war and most of them probably wouldn't have been locked up if they hadn't given way to the weakness of their sex by talking out wisely but too much.

Some of the returning Yanks say it's no use to call them doughboys; they haven't seen any dough in four months except the baker's kind and they think there must be an epidemic of paralysis among the paymasters.

The internal revenue officer at Chicago says he expects all the crooks to pay income tax as well as everybody else. Does he think the dishonest will turn honest when some of the honest turn dishonest?

Col. W. H. Smith, of the surgeon general's office, tells the senate committee there are still 104,000 wounded Americans in hospitals overseas. The truth of that last fighting, long suppressed, is slowly coming out.

Lord Robert Cecil said the question of the internationalization of the Panama canal would depend entirely upon the attitude of the United States. He voiced a self evident truth, seeing that America dug the canal, installed the locks, owns the ground, has it heavily fortified—and fully intends to hang on to it.

Little Interviews

Banquet To Mexican Officers Begins Era of Good Will Men Discharged With Music and Wise Counsel At Biene

THAT banquet tendered the Mexican officers by the El Paso chamber of commerce last Wednesday was one of the most significant events, excluding the war, ever brought about in the part of the country, said William Daniels. "Mexico needs help, beyond all doubt, and it is America's duty to extend it. The banquet was the first step in cementing relations between the countries, so that help could be extended, without misunderstanding on the part of Mexico and without reluctance on the part of the United States. Let us have some more of that sort of thing and in a few years the sight of a Mexican in Juarez walking about, with his feet bare and his

Abe Martin



MISS TAWNEY APPLE has postponed her wedding indefinitely because she can't match some reindeer colored satin. What's become of it? roughneck that used to make fun of a wrist watch?

Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

The Grief Hog

THERE is no trouble here below for ordinary mortals; ex-kaiser Bill has cornered war, and we have naught but cherries. The kaiser always was a pig, when he was busy reigning; unless he got the portion he sat around complaining. And now that he's no longer chief he's hogged the stock of sadness; he's cornered all there is of grief, and we're condemned to gladness. I try to dig up some despair, but there is none to gather; the kaiser's got it in his tail, he has the whole blamed slaughter. Perhaps you think you have a woe, but it's an imitation; there isn't any, that I know, in all this blooming nation. The kaiser has it stored away, in boxes, hales and cases; it's all in his old castle gray, there's none in other places. It's really useless scratching round for any brand of sorrow; you cannot buy it in the pound, no gallon can you borrow. The kaiser has it salted down, it's in his safe deposit; old Bill, the king without a crown, old Bill, the great what was it. So don't pretend you're in despair, and sprinkle tear drops many; for Bill has cornered all the care, and he won't part with any.

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WALT MASON.

Over The Top

By Hal Coffman



Roundabout Town

High School's Business Course Has A Very Strong Appeal Chance For Soldiers To Get Homes Near Oscura, N.M.

By G. A. MARTIN.

EL PASOANS contemplating business careers for their boys and girls should make thorough investigation into the commercial courses taught at the El Paso high school.

A visit soon impresses one with its practicality. They don't turn out a stenographer in a few weeks nor a bookkeeper in six, but they seem to be thorough and what they teach are the things a boy or girl will need in real life. There is nothing left out and no non-essentials are put in. The classes receive the personal instruction of a corps of teachers throughout the study period and they are not alone taught how to manipulate a typewriter, but they also learn how to spell and where and why to put punctuation marks.

A commercial course in the high school occupies various lengths of time, depending upon the knowledge of the beginner and his or her capabilities. A stenographer or bookkeeper can be turned out with a diploma in one term—five months—if he or she has at the beginning. But they will not take a boy or girl and give him or her a mere course in stenography and tell them out on their own equipment. The high school course is not that sort. The boy or girl must have other knowledge to go with such a course so that he or she can go out into the world and do something. And the beauty about it is that it costs nothing to take the course. If you are under 21 years of age, if you are one of the branches of our famous "free schools" of Texas

Hogwallow Locals

By DUNK BOTTS.



WHILE repairing his chimney one day this week, Columbus Allsup fell from the housetop. Had his residence been three or four stories tall he no doubt would have sustained serious injuries.

The Wild Onion school teacher got in a skiff, the other day, and paddled down stream for some distance. But there is not much to be learned in such a trip, as he did not get out of sight of land all the way.

Slim Pickens notices that the smaller the church the louder the preacher.

clay and copper which he says are to be found in abundance in the neighborhood of Oscura, N. M. E. G. Rafferty says there is a splendid opportunity for returning soldiers anxious to till the soil to find homes near the government land in that section, and he will help them to get locations. He believes they will be able in a few months—when he strikes oil in the well he is now striking—to sell off portions of their homesteads for more than enough money to turn the remainder into substantial homes on which they can at their leisure drill for oil and incidentally become millionaires.

Our idea of a snap: The man with a judgment good enough to warn him in time against false friends.

INDOOR SPORTS: WONDERING WHICH SIDE IS GOING TO WIN, YOU CAN TAKE THAT SIDE IN TIME.

People are always interested in knowing why other people do certain things; they are particularly interested, always, in why stage people wear the costumes they wear. I put the question to a number of the young women featured as "chaperones" in the Savage musical production, "Have a Heart," at the Texas Grand tonight. While the answers are not sensational they may be interesting.

Miss Ruth Williams said: "Because I found I could earn more money with my voice than calling for a car."

Miss Pearl Adams replied: "I have always known that I was destined to be a star, and chose to learn my profession from the very beginning."

Miss Irene Scott chimed: "Because I know I am pretty and have a beautiful voice, and musical comedy, with its pretty dresses appealed to me."

Miss Helen Everett declared: "All my family are theatrical folk, and I took to it like a duck taken to water."

Miss Ruth Williams said: "To earn money, with a lot of liberty bonds."

Then she laughed.

Many Dead or Wounded After Police Fire On Guayaquil, Ecuador, Mob

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 27.—Several persons were killed and wounded when the police fired upon a mob here today. The disorders were the result of a strike, which has been going on for a few days. Order has been restored.

SEARCHLIGHT. In connection with the immigration problem, which is now occupying the attention of congress, it is interesting to note that over 40 per cent of the population of the United States is

India's sacrifice to the war was chiefly measured by the 1,212,212 men sent overseas, and by her casualty list of 101,473, of which 22,762 were deaths.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE WHAT KIND OF A PRESENT CAN I BUY MY GIRL FOR FORTY NINE DOLLARS?

A LIBERTY BOND—I'LL LEAD YOU THE OTHER DOLLAR!

Makes Plea For Non-Skid Napkins; They Help A Man To Enjoy His Meals

By K. C. R.

R. BURT OSHORFF.

SHELDON HOTEL.

EL PASO, TEX.

MY DEAR MRS.

THE OTHER DAY.

WHEN I WAS AT YOUR HOTEL.

AND HAVING DINNER.

WITH A LITTLE DINNER PARTY.

AND YOU WERE THERE.

LOOKING IN THE ROOM.

AND WALKING AROUND.

AND EVERY LITTLE WHILE.

YOU'D PASS OUR TABLE.

AND I'D BE WONDERING.

HOW OFTEN YOU WENT BY.

AND IF YOU NOTICED.

THAT THREE OR FOUR TIMES.

DURING THE DINNER.

I'D DISAPPEAR.

AND BE GONE AWAY.

FOR A MINUTE OR TWO.

AND APPEAR AGAIN.

AND IF YOU DID.

I WANTED TO TELL YOU.

THAT THE REASON WAS.

THAT THE LITTLE WOMAN.

SITTING NEXT TO ME.

DIDN'T HAVE ANY LAP.

AND HAD A SLIP SKIRT.

AND ALL THE TIME.

HER TABLE NAPKIN.

WOULD KEEP SLIDING OFF.

AND WHEN I WAS GONE.

I WAS UNDER THE TABLE.

GETTING HER NAPKIN.

AND A COUPLE OF TIMES.

I COULD SEE YOUR FEET.

JUST GOING BY.

AND I WANT TO ASK YOU.

IF THERE ISN'T SOME WAY.

OF GETTING NONSKID NAPKINS.

BECAUSE ALL THE TIME.

IT'S THE SAME WAY.

WHEN I GO TO A DINNER.

NEARLY HALF THE TIME.

I'M FEELING AROUND.

UNDERNEATH THE TABLE.

AND I SHOULDN'T DO THAT.

BECAUSE PEOPLE GET NERVOUS.

AND I WANT TO SUGGEST.

YOU MIGHT HAVE STICKERS.

WITH A LITTLE SIGN ON THEM.

"STICK THIS IN YOUR CHEST."

OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

AND THE WAY IT IS NOW.

THE OLDER I GET.

THE HARDER IT IS.

TO GET UNDER THE TABLE.

AND WHEN I COME UP.

I'M BREATHEING HARD.

AND IT ISN'T GOOD FORM.

BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.

WHEN YOU'RE BREATHEING HARD.

LIKE AN ATHLETE.

AND TRYING TO EAT.

IT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT.

AND I NEARLY FORGOT.

THAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU.

I FOUND A DIME.

UNDERNEATH OUR TABLE.

ON ONE OF MY TRIPS.

AND IF IT BELONGS TO A GUEST.

YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK.

BUT IT ISN'T WALTER'S.

FM GOING TO KEEP IT.

I THANK YOU.

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